

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

C1208 21. (amended) A method of manufacturing a cellulosic/polymer product, said method consisting essentially of:

mixing together a composite consisting essentially of:

- (a) at least one cellulosic filler in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight of said composite; and
- (b) at least one polypropylene material in an amount of about 30% to about 70% by weight of said composite, said at least one polypropylene material comprised of at least one lubricant in an amount of about 10 to about 20 parts per 100 parts of a polypropylene resin;

transferring said composite directly to an extruder; and

extruding said composite through a die to form a final shape.

Please add the following new claims:

C1208 28. (new) A method of manufacturing a cellulosic/polymer product, said method consisting essentially of:

mixing together a composite consisting essentially of:

- (a) at least one cellulosic filler in an amount of about 30% to about 60% by weight of said composite; and

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(b)

at least one polyvinyl chloride material in an amount of about 40% to about 70% by weight of said composite, said at least one polyvinyl chloride material comprised of at least one stabilizer in an amount of about 1 to about 10 parts per 100 parts of a polyvinyl chloride resin, at least one lubricant in an amount of about 2 to about 12 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin, and at least one process aid in an amount of about 0.5 to about 8 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin;

transferring said composite directly to an extruder; and

extruding said composite through a die to form a final shape.

29. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one cellulosic filler is in an amount of about 40% to about 50% by weight of said composite.

30. (new) The method of claim 29 wherein said at least one cellulosic filler is in an amount of about 48% to about 50% by weight of said composite.

31. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one cellulosic filler is wood flour.

32. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one polyvinyl chloride material is in an amount of about 50% to about 60% by weight of said composite.

33. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein said at least one polyvinyl chloride material is in an amount of about 50% to about 52% by weight of said composite.

34. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein said polyvinyl chloride resin of said at least one polyvinyl chloride material has an inherent viscosity of about 0.6 to about 1.1.

35. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein said polyvinyl chloride resin of said at least one polyvinyl chloride material has an inherent viscosity of about 0.7 to about 0.9.

36. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one stabilizer is in an amount of about 3 to about 5 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

37. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one lubricant is in an amount of about 4 to about 8 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

38. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one process aid is in an amount of about 1 to about 3 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

39. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one polyvinyl chloride material further consists essentially of at least one inorganic filler in an amount up to about 10 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.

40. (new) The method of claim 28 wherein:

said at least one cellulosic filler is in an amount of about 40% to about 50% by weight of said composite; and

said at least one polyvinyl chloride material is in an amount of about 50% to about 60% by weight of said composite, said at least one polyvinyl chloride material being comprised of said at least one stabilizer in an amount of about 3 to about 5 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin, said at least one lubricant in an amount of about 4 to about 8 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin, and said at least one process aid in an amount of about 1 to about 3 parts per 100 parts of said polyvinyl chloride resin.